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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently read an article in the Greenville News regarding the upcoming state review and consideration of solar energy and net metering. I was disappointed to learn that the state of SC is one of only a few in the US that does not promote the use of renewable solar energy by allowing net metering. While the development of solar energy may not be the "magic bullet" that will solve all of our energy and environmental carbon dioxide emission problems—it certainly is a step in the right direction. By encouraging the use of solar energy through net metering, SC will join the rest of the country with the type of progressive thinking that is needed to set our state and country on a path of sustainability.

As a pediatrician, concern for the welfare of all children is a matter of utmost importance to my colleagues and me. Making sure that our children and grandchildren are able to enjoy the same pleasures that the environment has to offer is critical. Obviously, energy company lobbyists will be trying to influence this proposal due to the concern of losing revenue, but in this case I argue that there is more at stake than the loss of profits—we might miss this opportunity to foster the development and cultivation of a culture of sustainability.

I am asking that you consider this proposal with great thought and deliberation. I am sure that after a careful review, the right decision will be made.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Stephen Jones, MD